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1. PRINCE ABDULLAH BIN ABD AL-AZIZ ARRIVED MARCH 8 IN BEIRUT. WE NOTE THAT HE WAS GIVEN A HIGH-LEVEL RECEPTION AT THE AIRPORT. IN THE PECULIAR SAUDI FASHION IN WHICH RESPONSIBILITY FOR FOREIGN RELATIONS WITH CERTAIN COUNTRIES IS SOMETIMES DELEGATED TO PRINCES WITH A PARTICULAR INTEREST IN THOSE COUNTRIES, ABDULLAH GENERALLY TAKES THE LEAD IN SAUDI RELATIONS WITH LEBANON. HE IS QUOTED IN THE SAUDI PRESS AS SAYING THERE IS NOTHING THE MATTER WITH SAUDI-LEBANESE RELATIONS.

2. IN VIEW OF ABDULLAH'S PRESENCE IN BEIRUT WE WILL SAY NOTHING FOR THE MOMENT TO SAG OFFICIALS HERE ABOUT THE STATE OF SAUDI-LEBANESR RELATIONS. IF THE RELATIONS STILL SEEM STRAINED AFTER ABDULLAH'S RETURN, WE WILL RAISE THE SUBJECT HERE.

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